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#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application:

1. Response to Office Action of December 14, 2005 (1 page).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS
REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16
AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE
PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.
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Respectfully submitted,

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#### **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF December 14, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2005, applicants elect to proceed with examination of the invention identified as Group I, claims 1-14. Group II is canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) on the nonelected groups during the pendency of this application.

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